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Assignment of land on darkhast in Palavanchattu village.

1502 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to convert the channel poramboke near No. 117 Palavanchattu village in Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, into 'ayan' and assigning the same on darkhast; and

(b) if so, for what reasons?

A.—No such proposal is before the Government. The matter is within the powers of the Collector.

Assignment of poramboke to military pensioners in Edayanchattu village.

1503 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Tahsildar has taken steps to assign a portion of the common pasture (poramboke) of the No. 119 Edayanchattu village in Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, to military pensioners on darkhast; and

(b) if so, how many acres of land have already been assigned thus?

A.—The Government have no information. The matter is one within the powers of the Collector.

Assignment of 'eri' to military pensioners in Edayanchattu village.

1504 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'eri' survey No. 119 Edayanchattu village, Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, has not been cleared of prickly-pear bushes during the last quarter of a century;

(b) whether there is any proposal to assign a portion of this 'eri' to military pensioners on darkhast; and

(c) whether the ryots of the Edayanchattu village have protested against such assignment?

A.—The Government have no information. The matter is one within the powers of the Collector.

Education.

Opening of a Board school in Asanampattu.

1505 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that inhabitants of the villages of Asanampattu and Kallapparai in the Vellore taluk of North Arcot district have been for the last twenty years memorialising the authorities for the opening of a Board school in their village;

(b) whether the president of the taluk board, Vellore, had promised to have the school established by the month of October 1925;

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(c) whether the villagers accordingly have, on the advice of the Revenue and Educational authorities, purchased at their own cost a locality for the school; and

(d) whether the villages have a large school-going population including children belonging to depressed classes?

A.—(a) The question does not state to which authorities memorials were sent and so it is not possible to furnish information.

(b) Government are not aware of it.

(c) & (d) Government have no information.

Elementary schools for Muhammadans.

1506 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of new elementary schools opened for Muhammadans in the Madras Presidency in the year 1925; and

(b) if no new schools for Muhammadans have been opened, what are the reasons therefor, in view of the fact that as many as 825 new schools have been sanctioned in G.O. No. 1598, Law (Education), dated 16th October 1924?

A.—(a) & (b) All the schools in question are open to pupils of the Muhammadan community though none of them are special Muhammadan schools.

Public Works.

Clerical establishment of the Public Works Department, Bezwada Circle.

1507 Q.—Mr. N. DEVENDRUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many members of the depressed classes, the depressed class Christians and the Muhammadans are employed in the clerical grade of the Public Works Department, Bezwada circle;

(b) how many of them are permanent, temporary or acting, what is the length of service of each and what pay they get now;

(c) whether any permanent vacancy fell during the past years; and if so, how many;

(d) whether any member of the above said classes was given preference, taking qualifications, length of service and efficiency into consideration; and if not, why not;

(e) how many members of the abovementioned classes were employed as clerks either permanent, temporary or acting, during the past three years; and how many are in service now; and

(f) whether it is a fact that a fully qualified member belonging to the depressed class Christian community accepted a clerical appointment in the Bezwada circle in preference to his appointment elsewhere on the assurance from the manager of the circle office that he would not be ousted on the principle of communal representation; and whether his services were dispensed with a few days after his so accepting the appointment?

A.—The information has been called for.